

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Fellowship / Research Opportunity

Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship

Have you ever wanted to take a deep dive into the history of children's literature? If so, read on. . .

The Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship provides a \$4,000 grant to a qualified children's librarian to spend a total of four weeks or more reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature of the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville.

The Baldwin Library contains a special collection of 130,000 volumes of children's literature published mostly before 1950. Please review the guidelines in the link below. Applicants must be members of ALSC.

Applications and supporting materials are due by November 1, 2016.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bechtel>

See a list of past Bechtel Fellowship winners here:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bechtel/bechtelpastwinners>

Submitted by Robin Sofge, Alexandria Library 

Association for Library Service to Children

Register for the 2016 ALSC Virtual Institute

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) encourages anyone with an interest in youth library service to register for the 2016 ALSC Virtual Institute.

The Virtual Institute is one of the only virtual conferences devoted solely to children's librarianship, literature and technology.



Virginia Library Association

Winners of the First Annual VLA Graphic Novel Diversity Award Announced



In 2015, the Virginia Library Association Diversity & Inclusion

Forum developed a new endeavor, the VLA Graphic Novel Diversity Award.

The GNDA celebrates diversity captured within the pages of graphic novels. Ten publishers submitted 22 titles (published in 2015) in two categories: Adult and Youth. The Forum is proud to announce the winners and honor books selected for the 2015 award.

2015 Graphic Novel Diversity Award Winners and Honor Books may be found here:

<https://vla.memberclicks.net/2015-graphic-novel-diversity-award-winners-and-honor-books-announced>

Congratulations again to all the winners and to all those who submitted works for the great and wonderful material that made the judges' task much more difficult.

The 2016 VLA Graphic Novel Diversity Award is now open for submissions.

We have updated our guidelines, please check out our page at <http://www.vla.org/vla-graphic-novel-diversity-award-2016>.

For additional information about the 2015 awards, you can email the 2015 chair at diversityawardchairodd@gmail.com.

For information pertaining to the 2016 award, email diversityawardchaireven@gmail.com.

Email from Kevin Clement, VLA Diversity and Inclusion Forum Chair, August 2, 2016 

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The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to learning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

This newsletter project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Chesterfield County Public Library Chesterfield Libraries and STEM Activities

I'm excited to send you all pictures and information from two STEM pop up programs that took place recently in the Chesterfield Library System. (Thanks Jen Shepley for sharing!!)

Clover Hill Library held a 90 minute pop-up program in which teenagers engaged younger children in STEM activities. The TAB program at Clover Hill is composed of teen members that are interested in helping out with existing library programs. When families or groups with children are at the library when TAB members are, the teens will bring a STEM activity out on the floor and encourage others to participate. From the attached pictures, you will see a hard working teen collaborating with 2 younger participants in building and designing with Keva blocks.

Eight total participants attended. **Positive outcomes from this program include families and caregivers being pleasantly surprised to spend more time at the library staying involved with hands-on activities.**



Meadowdale Branch held a one hour long rocket program constructing rockets inside and launching them outside. Twenty (20!) people participated and withstood the heat to have fun with science. The participants were heavily engaged and asked questions related to art and science, staff witnessed wonderful teamwork among families, and this opportunity even sparked the interest of an elementary school teacher who may include rocketry in her next curriculum.



It's great to see these programs in action! Please feel free to keep sharing these types of events and any feedback you may have.

Thanks,
Sarah

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DayByDayVA



WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

Hampton Public Library

Summer Crafts

Read for the Win Program – Olympic Theme

Our staff put together a summer crafts program based on this year's Read for the Win theme. We tailored our crafts program to include torches, medals, the Olympic rings, and various other crafts. We had a great turn out! We had help from the staff, volunteers and group counselors. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Submitted by Maria M. Dillon, Senior Librarian Assistant/ Early Literacy



Smyth-Bland Regional Library Summer Reading Programs at Chilhowie Library



Submitted by Linda T. Dean, Branch Supervisor



Register for the 2016 ALSC Virtual Institute

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This event will take place on September 15-16, 2016.

Sessions will be held online. There is no special software needed to attend. Programming that was originally scheduled to be held at the canceled 2016 ALSC National Institute, will now be offered via the Virtual Institute.

ALSC has dedicated itself to finding a great way to deliver the content originally proposed for Charlotte Institute. The Virtual Institute is not only a great opportunity for affordable in-house staff trainings; it's also available without the hassle of additional travel fees.

Registration is now open. Mailed registrations must be submitted by August 26, 2016. Online registration will continue up to the day of the event. ALSC members receive a discount. Student and group discounts are also available. For more information and registration details for the 2016 ALSC Virtual Institute, please visit <http://www.ala.org/alsc/2016-alsc-virtual-institute>

Posted on PUBYAC, August 2, 2016 by Dan Bostrom

10 Reasons to Register for the 2016 ALSC Virtual Institute

1. **It's entirely online.** There's no special software. All you need to attend is a computer and an internet browser.
2. **It features an amazing lineup of events and topics. Check out the agenda.** It's a healthy mixture of presentations focusing on programming, partnerships, and serving all ages in your library.
3. **You'll get immediate access to the archived session.** All registered users retain access to the Virtual Institute programs for up to a year after the event.
4. **The Big Ideas Keynote Session featuring Kate Gallagher.** Sponsored by the Carole D. Fiore Leadership Fund, this event will focus on how using children's literature can lead to better understanding of social justice.
5. **It offers sneaky-good networking.** Can't afford to attend a conference thousands of miles away? You can see your friends and colleagues online! Registrants have the opportunity to network through moderated discussion forums after each program.mm
6. **The affordability.** Discounts for ALSC members, ALA members, students, and groups.



7. **ALSC has made it easier for you to convince your supervisor.** You can download the Virtual Institute supervisor letter, which contains valuable information on how the Virtual Institute will improve your skills!
8. **You can register online right up to the day it starts.** Like to take your time with decisions? No problem. Late planner? No problem!
9. **It's a tailor-made all-staff training event.** If you're a youth services manager, you can invite your staff to participate in this great event.
10. **It's focused solely on children's librarianship.** Whether you're a children's librarian, school librarian, teacher, or other, the Virtual Institute is one of the only online conferences that is laser-focused on youth librarianship.

Posted on ALSC Blog, August 6, 2016 by Dan Bostrom

Virginia Partnership for Out of School Time

2016 VPOST Conference: Exploring Workforce Development in Out-of-School Time

Monday, October 24, 2016

Hilton Dulles, Herndon, Virginia

At the 7th Annual VPOST Conference, you will

- **LEARN** the strategies, curriculum, and activities to address workforce development!
- **GAIN** hours of professional development from your choice of multiple breakout sessions to help kids succeed in school, work, and life!
- **NETWORK** with hundreds of Out-of-School Time Professionals from across the Commonwealth of Virginia!
- **INTERACT** with dozens of exciting programs, services, and resources in our Exhibit Hall!

Take advantage of the early bird registration rate of \$100/person open now until September 9th!
Open to first 300 registrants.

Registration Form is located at:
http://www.v-post.org/index.php?option=com_forume&fid=19

Email from Blaire Denson, Director of the Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time, August 4, 2016



Space Science Institute: National Center for Interactive Learning The 2017 Solar Eclipse Event

Dear Library Friends,
Are you ready for the celestial event of the century? In just over a year from now (August 21, 2017), the shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean in a spectacle that hasn't occurred in 99 years!

The National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL) at the Space Science Institute has recently been awarded a grant for its NASA @ My Library program. Partners include NASA, ALA, The Girl Scouts, SETI, and many other organizations. The STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) is managed by NCIL. The STAR_Net team wants to work with your library and thousands of others to participate in this national event. Some fortunate libraries will be able to experience a total solar eclipse though every library in the country will observe at least a partial eclipse.

So jump on the eclipse train!

Please go to: <http://www.starnetlibraries.org/2017-eclipse-registration> to register your library. We will, in turn, let you know how to access the following valuable resources:

- Vetted Multimedia for Programming/Promotion (Images, Video, Animations, Artwork)
- Media Template Package (Press Release, PSA, Community Letter, Media Alert)
- Private Eclipse Forum (registered libraries)
- Inclusion in Special Eclipse Promotions (Social Media, Blogs, Newsletters, etc.)
- Enrollment in STAR_Net's Eclipse Newsletter

When your eclipse event is planned, you can share your press release, flyer, website link, or like material with us to receive **50 free Solar Shades** for your patrons to watch along with us! (shades are available on a first come, first serve basis).

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YALSA News

Apply Now to be a Part of the Teens' Top Ten Book Groups

Library staff can now apply on behalf of their teen book groups for a chance to be a part of the official Teens' Top Ten book groups.

The Teens' Top Ten (<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>), formerly called YA Galley, is an ongoing project in which publishers of young adult books provide advanced reading copies of their recent titles to teen book discussion groups, also known as the Teens' Top Ten book groups, in libraries. In exchange, teen readers evaluate books for the publishers.

A total of fifteen teen book groups, led by an advisor, will be selected to fulfill a 2 year term, which begins in January of 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Advisors of the book groups must be current personal members of YALSA and are required to submit sample teen book reviews with their application. Book reviews must be filled out by teens and can be for any book that they have recently read. **Apply by October 1, 2016** at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/apply>

Learn more about the Advisor's Procedures, eligibility requirements, and more by reading the FAQ at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/faq>

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominations are posted in April on the Thursday of National Library Week, and teens across the nation are encouraged to read the titles over the summer and vote for their favorite titles between August 15 and the close of Teen Read Week™, October 15. View the 26 nominees here: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>.

Teens aged 12-18 can now also nominate their favorite titles to be considered as a 2017 Teens' Top Ten nominee via the public nomination form: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/public-nomination-form>.

A digital image of a Teens' Top Ten seal for nominated titles is available to publishers for licensing. Arrangements can be made through ALA's Rights and Permissions office for publishers who need permission to reproduce the seal on a paperback edition or book jacket.

Contact permissions@ala.org or Mary Jo Bolduc, (312) 280-5416 or (312) 944-8741 (fax) for information.

ALA Press Release, August 2, 2016



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 26-28, 2016..... VLA Annual Conference..... Hot Springs

National Conferences

October 27-29, 2016..... Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference..... Fargo

November 4-6, 2016..... YALSA's 2016 YA Services Symposium Pittsburgh

Workshops

August 29, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Blacksburg

August 30, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Waynesboro

August 31, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Henrico

September 1, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Chesapeake

October 3, 2016..... Bilingual Storytime and Library Outreach Online Course

October 3, 2016..... Supercharged Virginia Storytime Online Course

Important reading program dates

September 30, 2016 Last Day to Access Evanced Summer Reader. We will be using new software for the Winter Reading Program and the Summer Reading Program

Now!.....Place your orders for the winter reading program at
<http://vpl.virginia.gov/youth-services/winter-reading-program/>

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

August

National Inventor's Month.....<http://amomwithalessonplan.com/tinkering-station>

Set up a tinkering station to encourage your young inventors:

National Back to School Month.....<https://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/features-month/august/national-back-school-month>

Observances

August 7 National Kids Day

August 9 World Indigenous Peoples' Day

August 12..... International Youth Day

August 26..... Women's Equality Day

Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ Robin Sofge, Alexandria Library
- ◇ Kevin Clement, Chesapeake Public Library
- ◇ Jen Shepley, Chesterfield County Public Library
- ◇ Maria Dillon, Hampton Public Library
- ◇ Paul Dusenbery, National Center for Interactive Learning, Space Science Institute
- ◇ Sarah Waldrop, Science Museum of Virginia
- ◇ Linda Dean, Smyth-Bland Regional Library
- ◇ Blaire Denson, Virginia Partnership for Out-of-School Time
- ◇ The usual resources - ALA, ALSC, VLA, YALSA